Funds released under Externally Aided Projects

2048. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the funds released under Externally Aided Projects during the Ninth Plan to Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal;

(b) the criteria for release of funds under Externally Aided Projects; and

(c) the reasons for less release of funds for Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) The funds released under Externally Aided Projects (EAPs) during the Ninth Plan to the above mentioned States are: Andhra Pradesh (Rs. 7047.43 crore); Gujarat (Rs. 3896.25 crore); Karnataka (Rs. 3040.55 crore); Uttar Pradesh (Rs. 3293.83 crore); Madhya Pradesh (Rs. 1473.03 crore) and West Bengal (Rs. 3312.87 crore).

(b) The releases of funds to States' under Annual Plan as Additional Central Assistance (ACA) for EAPs are based on inputs derived from Progress Reports, Utilization Certificates and the official visits/ discussions with the States by the Commission/Ministries/Departments regarding the progress in implementation of the EAPs.

(c) Does not arise.

Development of backward districts

2049. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the development reform facility scheme proposed in the Tenth Plan earmarking Rs. 2,500 crore annually for the development of backward districts has been considered by Government;

(b) if so, the details of the schemes formulated;

(c) by when these schemes would be implemented; and

(d) the backward districts which would be covered in the first phase of the Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) The scheme is under consideration of the Government.

(b) The details of the scheme are yet to be finalised.

(c) The scheme will be implemented on finalisation.

(d) Does not arise at present.

Expenditure on Health and Education

2050. SHRI S.K. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED:

SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have adopted the policy to reduce the expenditure on education and health under the pressure of globalisation thus retarding the growth of human capital;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it would not adversely affect the nation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE) : (a) and' (b) No, Sir. The Government expenditure on Education and Health has been steadily increasing. The expenditure on Education has increased from Rs.8521.90 crore in the Eighth Plan to Rs. 24908.50 crore in the Ninth Plan and an allocation of Rs. 43825.00 crore has been made for the Tenth Plan. Similarly, the Central expenditure for Health (including Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy) and Family Welfare has increased from Rs. 10433.86 crore in the Eighth Plan to Rs. 20541.44 crore in the Ninth Plan and an allocation of Rs. 37153.00 crore has been provided for the Tenth Plan.

(c) Does not arise.